

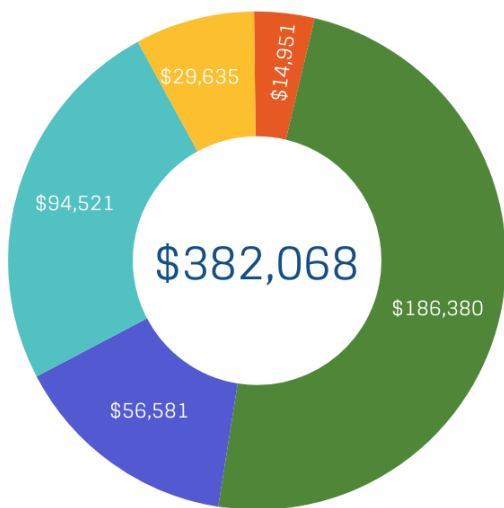
NEW BEDFORD

Funded Partners

Bristol County District Attorney's Office, Bristol County Sheriff's Department, H.O.P.E. Collaborative, Mindfulness Training, New Bedford Police Department, PAACA Inc., United Way of Greater New Bedford

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Funding Allocation



577 Total Youth Served

36%
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

32%
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

32%
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

= 10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth
Development
&
Recreation*



151

Participated in
Positive Youth
Development &
Recreation Programs

93

Developed
Communication and
Conflict Resolution
Skills

Case Management
&
Street Outreach
or Intervention



212

Received
Case Management
Services

206

Received
Street Outreach
Services

Education
&
Employment



149

Participated in
Education Programs

76

Completed a
Subsidized
Employment
Program

Suppression



100

Hot Spot Patrols
Completed

20

Law Enforcement
Supported Home
Visits

Community
Mobilization



209

People Attended
Events, Meetings,
and Presentations

20

Community Events,
Meetings, and
Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts		New Bedford
6,811,779	Total Population (2016 Estimate)	95,032
11.4%	Population Lives in Poverty	23.5%
3.8%	Unemployment Rate	6.7%
953,748	Total School Population) (2016-2017)	12,640
30.2%	Economically Disadvantaged	63.5%
1.8%	High School Dropout Rate	3.5%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in New Bedford

21

Street Gangs

194

Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

In 2017, the New Bedford Police Department identified 21 gangs operating throughout the city, including two new gangs. Police validated 432 gang members in the city, 194 (44.9%) of whom were under the age of 25.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017

